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NEETS BAY TERMINAL HARVEST AREA FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Ketchikan. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information for the Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (SSRAA) concerning the Neets Bay terminal harvest area (THA).

Beginning 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, May 1, through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, June 8, and from 12:01 a.m., Friday, August 2, 2013, until the fishery is closed, the Neets Bay THA will be open only in those waters of Neets Bay east of the longitude of the easternmost tip of Bug Island and west of the closed waters at the head of the bay. The closed waters at the head of the bay are those waters east of 131°29.86' W. longitude until the barrier net is in place; at that time, the closed waters are those waters east of the barrier net.

Beginning 12:01 a.m., Sunday, June 9, through 11:59 p.m., Thursday, August 1, 2013, the Neets Bay THA will be expanded and salmon may be taken in the waters of Neets Bay east of the longitude of Chin Point to the closed waters at the head of the bay as previously described.

Salmon may be taken by troll gear in the Neets Bay THA from 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, May 1, until 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 2, 2013. Troll gear is allowed in the Neets Bay THA when all gears fish concurrently and when net fisheries are taking place. Beginning at 12:00 noon, Tuesday July 2, until closed by emergency order, salmon may be taken by troll gear west of the easternmost tip of Bug Island to the longitude of Chin Point in the expanded portion of the Neets Bay THA. This closes the THA east of Bug Island to trolling. In addition, salmon may be taken by troll gear in that portion of West Behm Canal described in 5 AAC 29.100 (d) (2) (A), which opens on July 1, 2013. This allows continuous fishing by troll gear west of the easternmost tip of Bug Island out into the West Behm common property fishery beginning July 1, 2013.

Salmon may be taken in the Neets Bay THA by drift gillnet and purse seine gear concurrently from 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, May 1, through 12:00 noon Monday, June 10, 2013, and as follows:

Drift Gillnet:

from 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 11, to 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 13;
from 12:00 noon, Sunday, June 16, to 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 18;

from 12:00 noon, Friday, June 21, to 12:00 noon, Saturday, June 22;
 from 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 25, to 12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 26;
 from 12:00 noon, Saturday, June 29, to 12:00 noon, Sunday, June 30;

Purse Seine:

from 12:00 noon, Friday, June 14 to 12:00 noon, Saturday, June 15;
 from 12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 19 to 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 20;
 from 12:00 noon, Sunday, June 23 to 12:00 noon, Monday, June 24;
 from 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 27 to 12:00 noon, Friday, June 28;
 from 12:00 noon, Monday, July 1 to 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 2;

From July 3 to November 15, 2013, no common property fishery openings are scheduled so that cost recovery can take place. If openings can be scheduled, they will be announced by News Release in September or once cost recovery has been completed.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1E0313.

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